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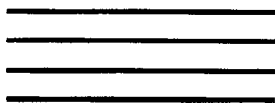
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EAST ASIA

China:

CTBT Statement Tied to Imminent Nuclear Test

China's representative to negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty announced on Monday that China will show "flexibility" on its demand that the treaty allow peaceful nuclear explosions. [redacted] in negotiations last week, the representative said that China would drop the demand in exchange for an article that "temporarily" bans such explosions but states that the prohibition will be reviewed in the future.

— *The announcement may represent a compromise—the text of China's article has not been tabled—but was expected, given China's isolation on the issue.*

— *The timing, however, suggests that China is trying to preempt or soften international criticism—especially from Japan—that it expects to follow its impending test.* [redacted] [redacted]

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